

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/746,298

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/08/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>11/13/2005</u> . |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Williams Bradley on 11/07/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

claim 21, line 3, change "a first means" to ---a first IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 3, change "a second means" to ---a second IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 6, change "the first means" to ---the first IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 6, change "the second means" ---the second IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 9, change "means" to ---IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 10, change "the second means" ---the second IDSL means---;

claim 21, line 11, change "the first means" to ---the first IDSL means---.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 21, 22, 23, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest an IDSL line card, in response to determining that a maximum error level is exceeded, adjust a bit rate for at least one IDSL line interface while a second bit rate for a second

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IDSL interface remains constant and determine that a resulting error level meets or falls below a minimum error level or a threshold level, in combination with other limitation as specified in the independent claims 1, 21, 22, 23.

Regarding claims 7, 14 the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for communicating data according to ISDN protocol comprising:

adjusting a second bit rate while maintaining a first bit rate constant until a CRC level associated with subsequent data transfer between the first and second IDSL line interfaces meets or falls below the predetermined acceptable level, in combination with other limitation as specified in the independent claims 7, 14.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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Patent Examiner

Thien Tran

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Duchow", written over the printed name "DUCHO".

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